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Letter dated 25 July 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to my previous letters regarding the continued harbouring of and assistance to the so-called Justice and Equality Movement by the Government of South Sudan, in particular my letter dated 29 December 2011 (S/2011/810), through which I furnished the Security Council with detailed information regarding the presence, number, whereabouts and number of military vehicles of that rebel movement inside the territories of South Sudan when it crossed the international border between the two States on the morning of 23 December 2011.

We regret to inform the Council that while the Government of the Sudan is negotiating in good faith in Addis Ababa to reach a final and peaceful settlement to all pending issues between the two States, the Government of the South is still rendering its assistance and support to the so-called Justice and Equality Movement in stark violation of Security Council resolution 2046 (2012). In this connection the Government of the South facilitated, on the morning of Friday the 22nd, the infiltration of a convoy of 105 military vehicles loaded with armed elements of the Justice and Equality Movement that aimed to target and attack the oilfield of Balila and the civilian population in South Kordofan and East Darfur States. As a result, our air forces, fulfilling their duty-bound obligations, engaged with the invading rebel forces supported by the Government of the South, which eventually returned to the South of Sudan.

While conveying the regrettable attitude from the Government of South Sudan, we call on the Council to obligate the Government of South Sudan to heed the provisions of resolution 2046 (2012). Furthermore, the Government of the Sudan will reserve its right in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the stipulations of international law to defend its national territories using all possible legal defence systems, including the air force, inside the Sudanese territories.

We would like to reiterate our commitment to the comprehensive strategic approach which has been developed by the two parties to address the outstanding issues.

You are kindly requested to circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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